



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Shane Bertucci, 27, was sentenced for his conviction on two counts of unlawfully killing eagles and one count of unlawfully selling red tail hawk feathers. The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced Bertucci to 5 months imprisonment. After his release from prison, Bertucci will begin a 1 year term of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay restitution of \$8,450.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service received a report of several eagle carcasses found alongside the Missouri River near Macy, Ne. During the course of the investigation, the agent received information that Shane Bertucci may have been involved in shooting the eagles. Shane Bertucci was interviewed and admitted to killing 3 eagles and 5 hawks. He also admitted to selling red-tailed hawk feathers for \$100.00. Bertucci told the officer that he still possessed feathers from some of the birds that he killed. All of the feathers that Bertucci turned over to law enforcement were recovered from locations other than Bertucci's home.

Name of Defendant: Shane Bertucci

AKA:

Age: 27

City of residence: Macy, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Ct. I, Unlawful Take of Bald Eagle (not more than 1 year imprisonment, up to a \$100,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not more than 1 year of supervised release and a \$25 special assessment); Ct. II, Unlawful Take of Bald Eagle (not more than 2 years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not more than 1 year of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment); Ct. III, Sold Red-Tail Hawk Feathers (not more than 1 year imprisonment, up to a \$100,000 fine, or both imprisonment and

fine, not more than 1 year of supervised release and a \$25 special assessment).

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Macy and Winnebago, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: N/A

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On or about February 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

Federal Arrest Date: Federal Summons executed March 25, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: March 20, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 2, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): February 23, 2010 - Trial

Sentencing Date: June 3, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon

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